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Khang Trinh
Legal Counsel
Cook County Assessor's Office
118 North Clark Street
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RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 11554
Requester: Tim Costin

Dear Mr. Trinh:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Cook County Assessor's Office of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f). On November 17, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request that included 15 numbered requests. The Assessor's Office asserts that certain of the records responsive to [REDACTED]'s requests 7 and 11 are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA.

Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying "[p]reliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f).

Determination

We approve the Assessor's Office's use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(f) to withhold these documents. These documents are drafts subject to revision and pre-decisional documents that contain recommendations. The Assessor's Office asserts that these documents have not been publicly cited or identified by the Assessor. Thus, the Assessor's Office has met its initial burden of showing that these documents are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f).

Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (312) 814-2086. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith
Public Access Counselor

By:



Sarah Kaplan
Assistant Public Access Counselor

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